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LOCAL | BARS

## Some restaurants, bars still open

By **KAITLYN PETERS**  
Staff Reporter

Charleston restaurants and bars still have a lot to offer despite the slow summer.

Though some bars and restaurants like Marty’s and Top of the Roc are closed for the summer, others are still active and offer specials to draw in customers.

The Panther Paw has a special each day for lunch and dinner. The price of food usually ranges between \$3.49 and \$6.49, and drinks are \$2.50 to \$5. The Paw serves a variety of food from hamburgers to house salads and Italian beef.

The Paw occasionally extends their business hours for sporting events. Every once in a while, the bar and grill hires entertainment, usually a band, to bring in a crowd.

The Paw receives a good amount of business from both Eastern students and local residents, this helps business remain steady all year.

According to the manager, Alyssa Pohl, it depends on the occasion, but summer is typically slower than fall and spring.

“I love working here, the crowd is great and makes it a fun time,” said Danielle Cunningham.

Cunningham, 21, has been a bartender at The Paw since August 2008.

“It allows you to still be out, but making money instead of spending it,” said Pohl.

Business hours for the Panther Paw are Monday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Another restaurant in Charleston is Roc’s Blackfront.

Kylie Knoop, 21, has worked there for seven years as a waitress, hostess and bartender. “Every job has ups and downs, but I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else,” said Knoop.

Knoop also said that the restaurant tends to be quieter and mellower during the summer, and the income is not as steady.

Knoop feels that Roc’s is less of a college bar than anywhere else in town and the environment seems to be more casual.

Roc’s offers a variety of menu items like steak, sandwiches and vegetarian items. The price of drinks range from \$2.75 to \$6 on average and the food can cost anywhere from \$5 to \$20.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. with bar hours after 9 p.m.

Mac’s Uptowner still maintains good business despite the lack of population.

“Summer is actually one of our busiest times of the year,” said Jenny Ryczek, 24.

The Uptowner offers \$1 drafts Monday through Thursday and \$2 domestic bottles and Friday and Saturday.

With the exception of summer, the Uptowner has live music performances multiple nights a week to promote business.

Summer hours for the Uptowner are Monday through Saturday 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

While other popular bars choose to close their doors for the summer, the Panther Paw takes the lead in the bar scene with daily lunch and dinner specials and indoor and outdoor bar.

STATE | STEAM PLANT

## Energy Center bill passes

By **KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI**  
Online Editor

Senate Bill 2009, the Renewable Energy Center bill, was passed unanimously through the State House of Representatives 105-0 on Tuesday.

This bill will allow the allocations released for Eastern to build the Renewable Energy Center.

The new energy center will replace the energy plant, currently located in the north quad of campus.

The Renewable Energy Center will cost about \$75 million, but will be of no cost to the students or taxpayers.

The current steam plant provides heating and cooling to university buildings and is about 90 years old.

State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said in 2008 that Eastern was forced to spend more than \$400 thousand on repairs while having to buy low-sulfur coal from Indiana to meet clean air requirements.

“The Renewable Energy Center will provide reliable service, and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 85 percent,” Rose said.

Rose said the amount of money saved by replacing the old technology with the state-of-the-art plant should help finance the cost of the plant.

Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, a Senate sponsor of the bill, was confident the bill would receive a lot of support from the House.

“I don’t know if we were expecting (the bill) to be passed unanimously, but we were confident of the success because of the great deal of work Representative Chapin Rose did over in the House,” Righter said.

The bill has 89 cosponsors going to Governor Quinn’s desk, two from the Senate and 87 from the House.

This is in large thanks to the work the Eastern students and staff put into the bill.

“It was a grassroots student effort, there isn’t any question,” Righter said. “There were thousands of letters sent over, and the students who signed those letters deserve majority of the credit.”

Rose also put time towards the cause within the House Chamber.

“I took the student letters around to my colleagues and distributed them around the house floor,” Rose said.

He said the letters were successful because they described the bill and had been signed by people from their districts.

“I don’t think there is any question that the student effort was the central and a critical component to the success of this

bill,” Rose said.

There were 88 cosponsors out of 118 representatives.

The student efforts were mainly run by Eric Wilber, President of the Student Action Team.

“We have put an extraordinary amount of work into it, between the Student Action Team going to Springfield and lobbying personally, to the almost 2,000 letters being sent out by our students to their representatives how much this bill meant to them,” Wilber said.

The bill now rests with Governor Quinn.

He can sign the bill, veto the bill, or send the bill back to committee to have amendments made.

Rose said he is hopeful the governor will sign the bill.

He said it is a great bill for everyone; environmental groups, labor groups, and the industry are all in support of the bill.

“This (bill) is a trifecta,” Rose said. “Its win for the tax payers because they are getting \$75 million building for free, its a win for the students because they aren’t having to pay one penny in additional fees, and its a win for the environment. Quite frankly, it’s a project state universities should be doing everywhere.”

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LOCAL | CITY COUNCIL

## CDAP grant to be put on record for public inspection

### City plans to use grant for streetscaping

By **KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI**  
Online Editor

During Tuesday night’s city council meeting the council members voted to pass a resolution for the application for Community Development Assistance Program grant to be put on record for public inspection.

Before the meeting began, a public hearing was held. During this time Executive Director Doug McDermand of the Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission spoke about the grant and what the city plans to do with the money.

McDermand said the grant of \$420,000 is a “flex” grant that could be used for private or public city improvements.

The city intends to match the grant with \$140,000 for the total project being \$560,000.

City Manager Scott Smith said if the legal technicalities can be ironed out, they would proceed with the filing of the application for the CDAP grant.

With this grant, the city plans to improve some streetscaping, make curb and gutter improvements and renovate a commercial property on the east side of the square.

“This commercial property in question sits in the middle of the block,” Mayor John Inyart said. “If the struc-

tural integrity of the building is in question it could affect the buildings on either side of it. In that respect, it is a very positive thing if we can find the money to make the repairs to that building.”

An ordinance was also passed for the implementation and increase of fees for the Charleston Police Department.

Inyart said previously no fees were established, but with much of the area putting fees into place, it makes economic sense for the police department to have fees of its own.

Fees included will be bonding fees, a sex offender registration fee, a fingerprinting fee, a criminal impound vehicle release, a copying fee, a photo fee and an accident report fee.

Criminal impound vehicle release fee will be the most expensive fee at \$50, and photocopying will be the smallest fee at \$.75.

The council also approved a resolution for the appropriation of funds from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for a project on Polk Avenue.

The project included resurfacing and widening of Polk Avenue from Sixth Street to Division Street.

The project funding has already been allocated, but to allow for the state records to match with the city records, additional allocations were required.

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## CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Some good, sweet dirt



CARI WAFFORD | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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UNIVERSITY | STUDENTS

# Journalism department to require Mac laptops

By SPENSER NOBLES  
News Editor

The Journalism department is set to become the second department on campus to require its majors to own laptops.

In the Fall 2009 semester, incoming freshman and transfer students who major in journalism will be required to buy Apple Macintosh laptop computers.

According to a flier that is given out to perspective journalism students, Mac laptops are the latest way to support the department's initiative of providing students with the different forms of technology they will need.

"Our goal is to graduate the most prepared, most experienced, most talented journalists possible," the flier states.

The Communication Disorders and Sciences department was the first department to request that their majors purchase laptops since the fall semester of the 2008-09 school year.

Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said there are other departments that are considering such requirements, but they have not yet implemented them.

"The principle underlying these initiatives are that the technology is an integral component of the educational experience of the students," said

Lord. "As departments develop where such technology becomes integral to their programs, I would expect more to move ahead."

Michael Hoadley, Assistant Vice President for Academic Technology, said that Eastern is making an attempt to help students and their families by making requests such as this. Hoadley stated that survey data compiled by Housing and Dining Services shows that 94 percent of students that live in residence halls bring a computer with them to college, and a requirement like this helps students and their families when making those kinds of financial aid decisions because the recommended models are best suited

for the program that the students are enrolled in.

The flier also reads: "With this requirement, we're attempting to assist students in getting the computer that best serves their academic and professional needs."

Associate professor of CDS Lynn Calvert said that the students' want for laptops increased as they saw them being used in class.

"The students did not buy into it until the professors actually started using them in the classes and used them for projects and the students saw how useful it was," Calvert said.

After seeing how useful the laptops were to them, students had positive

feedback. Calvert said that she saw increases in students who owned laptops throughout the semester in several classes, and expects the same for some future classes.

"Our students have responded well," Calvert said.

For journalism majors, financial aid assistance is available to help with the purchase of the Apple Macintosh computers. If a student qualifies for financial aid, the laptop may be included as part of their financial aid package since it is a program requirement.

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## STATE | VOTE

# Taxes raised to create jobs

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Senate voted Wednesday to raise liquor taxes, expand gambling and increase driver fees to help pay for a \$26 billion public works program meant to create hundreds of thousands of jobs.

The measure passed 49-12 and now goes to the House.

Two other pieces of the construction plan - a bill spelling out how to spend the money and one authorizing billions in debt -

passed unanimously.

Illinois has not seen a major construction initiative since Illinois FIRST was approved under Gov. George Ryan. In the decade since, the state has not been able to keep up with the need for new or rebuilt highways, bridges, schools and public transportation systems.

At the same time, the nation's economic crisis has pushed Illinois unemployment to the highest level in years.

## BLOTTER

The University Police Department reported some vending equipment was damaged in McAfee Gym on Friday. This incident is under investigation.

## CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Eric Wilber's name was misspelled. The DEN regrets the error.

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Men also  
get scared

My cousin Amanda is totally crushing over this guy at her high school.

He's a year older, has dark hair, brown eyes and every time I talk to her on Facebook, she's telling me about something that's happened between them.

"OMG OMG OMG!! He finally asked me to prom!!

He hugged me :)

We're going to the movies on Saturday! Alone!

He told my friend that I'm the only girl for him..."

Me: "You should ask him out!"

"I can't. I'm too scared. I'm waiting for him..."

Me: "Amanda!!!"

So when I went home last weekend with my boyfriend to visit my family, my mom told me that Amanda and my aunt would be stopping by after dinner to show us the prom pictures.

And let me tell you—in almost every single picture, this guy looked totally nervous. I'm not even kidding you.

There were some nice ones where they were both smiling, but he looked like he was really trying to impress her.

Amanda has filled me in about the many things he's done that go into the He Likes Her category, but for some reason, he's just too scared to ask her out.

So, I have been trying to tell Amanda that she needs to do it herself—just ask him out, it's not a big deal. You know he likes you!

"Well, if you're not going to ask him out, you should at least ask him to hang out with us tomorrow." (Like a double date!)

This is when me, my boyfriend, my mom, my sister, and my aunt all took aside about an hour and a half to try and convince her to press the send button on her cell phone and call this guy up.

Why not risk it?

I've seen this happen to a few females, not just my cousin. What is with being so scared? If you know he likes you, you shouldn't be afraid. It's not always the guy who has to be the one to ask you out—let the girl power shine.

And most importantly, let him know whose boss.

Confidence is key (and not just with this, but everything). Most guys will be impressed if they see the girl is the one taking the initiative.

If you're wondering what happens at the end of my story—my cousin did wind up calling him, and he hung out with us. He paid for her meal at the restaurant we went to, and at the end of the day he almost kissed her. He was very polite and earned my approval.

I'm not sure what comes next for them, we'll just have to wait and see.

But just remember girls—sometimes guys get scared too.

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## Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



## STAFF EDITORIAL

Laptop requirement  
may not be the best idea

The Journalism department is requiring all incoming freshmen and transfer students to purchase Apple Macintosh laptops for the Fall 2009 semester.

The reasoning behind this requirement is found in a flier sent to incoming students. The flier states that the department wants its students to have the best and most up-to-date tools available to them.

While this is a good idea in theory, the reality of the situation is this—we are in an economic recession. Students are already forced to take out loans and apply for financial aid to simply attend school, much less pay for room and board. Requiring them to purchase these laptops, which cost approximately \$2-3 thousand dollars, could not only be detrimental to their financial situation, but also their overall education.

According to the flier, students can use their financial aid to pay for these laptops. However, some students do not qualify for financial aid, or their aid payments barely cover their tuition, not to mention room and board, on top of the numerous other fees.

How many times have you been distracted in class because the only sound entering your ears is that of the person next to you on his or her laptop, clacking away on their keyboard or clicking their touch-pad mouse?

You want to believe they are taking notes, but when you peak over at their screen, you see things like Facebook, Solitaire or photographs.

Buzzard Hall has three Mac computer classrooms for journalism students, along with two computer labs that have Macs. Not to mention *The Daily Eastern News* newsroom uses only Macs.

**"According to the flier, students can use financial aid to pay for these laptops. However, some students do not qualify for financial aid..."**

An argument made in the flier was that students would be able to do their class work in their dorm rooms or apartments using the same programs.

Although there are at least 5 rooms in Buzzard Hall that have Macs for student usage, many of these computers have older programs. Having students work on their projects in class using the older programs, and then transferring them to their new laptops with the latest versions of these programs can lead to lost assignments or issues with transfers.

So, while the new Mac laptop requirement has the potential to be a good thing for new students, the university should be more concerned with helping students pay for their education instead of requiring them to spend even more money for an item that could, in the long run, be detrimental to their education.

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## OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

THOUSANDS PAID FOR  
INTERSHIPS

Paying thousands of dollars for an internship opportunity might sound crazy, but the sluggish economy and fierce competition for positions has made pay-for-placement programs more popular.

A company called the University of Dreams offers guaranteed internship opportunities for those willing to pay anywhere from \$5,499 to \$9,499. The company has received a record number of applications this year and expects to place about 1,500 interns in major cities around the world.

In addition to internship placement, the University of Dreams also provides interns with housing, weekend activities, meals, transportation, career seminars, resume revision and interview coaching. These internships are legitimate.

Despite the quality of internships offered, this pay-for-placement concept is controversial on college campuses. Some students think that programs like the University of Dreams give wealthier students an unfair advantage.

There are also complaints that those who enroll in placement programs aren't necessarily the most qualified for the job. "I definitely don't see the University

of Dreams as an easy way out, because there are a lot of procedures that you have to go through," said Lisa Liao, who interned with United Colors of Benetton in San Francisco. "You still have to apply, do resume workshops and interview."

"I think what students should focus on right now is build resume," said Jeff Rice, the executive director of Career Services at Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business. "Perhaps a year or two from now, that resume builder will turn into a full-time job where you can make money." *Shelby Holliday UWire.com*

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BASEBALL | CARDINALS

Cardinals hold off on taking Ankiel off disabled list

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals have decided to wait a few days before activating center fielder Rick Ankiel from the 15-day disabled list.

General manager John Mozeliak told The Associated Press it's likely Ankiel will be activated by the weekend at the latest. Ankiel was eligible

to come off the disabled list yesterday, and manager Tony La Russa ruled him out for today as well.

Ankiel was carted off the field at Busch Stadium on May 5 with his head and neck immobilized after slamming into the wall a few steps after running down a liner by the Phillies' Pedro Feliz.

Ankiel had been rehabbing in

extended spring training since last weekend. He said he wouldn't change his aggressive playing style when he does return to the lineup.

"You've got to go out there and play," Ankiel said. "In Florida, I didn't have many opportunities to really chase anything down towards the ball, but I don't feel like it'll affect me."

Ankiel's work was abbreviated

Tuesday due to rain, and the Cardinals decided to hold off activating him even before he worked out prior to Wednesday night's game. La Russa said he spoke to Ankiel on the telephone earlier in the day.

"No way he should play today," the manager said. "He didn't do enough down there to get pushed and he needs to push himself here, so

we're going to err on the side of caution."

Ankiel is recovering from a bruised right shoulder and other injuries. He lined balls to all fields during an early batting practice session yesterday, including some long homers, and said throwing was not a problem, either, but he said he feels soreness when he swings and misses.

BASKETBALL | BULLS

Gar Forman new Bulls GM

The Associated Press

CHICAGO—Gar Forman has been promoted to general manager of the Chicago Bulls, replacing John Paxson, who will remain with the team as executive vice president of basketball operations.

The Bulls announced the move Wednesday in a release promoting news conference.

Forman has been director of player personnel the past five years. He joined the organization as a scout in 1998 and became the team's director of player personnel in January 2004.

Paxson is expected to retain a major say in personnel moves, but was not immediately available for comment Wednesday. He had been general manager since April 2003, when he was officially hired as executive vice president of basketball operations.

The new titles reflect a shift that had already taken place over the past year, with Forman assuming more day-to-day responsibilities. That included the lead role in contract negotiations with Luol Deng and Ben Gordon and input in the coaching search last summer.

Besides helping Paxson evaluate potential trades, free agents and coaches, Forman coordinated Chicago's amateur and pro scouting as director of player personnel.

He joined the Bulls scouting department in 1998 after serving as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Iowa State and New

Mexico State the previous 10 years, helping the Cyclones win a conference championship and the Aggies reach the 1992 round of 16.

The move comes after a season in which the Boston Celtics eliminated the Bulls from the playoffs in seven games in the first round.

Chicago fans had been particularly critical of Paxson, who played on three Bulls championship winners, as the team stumbled into the lottery last year and struggled for much of this season despite the arrival of rookie of the year Derrick Rose.

They even booed him during a ceremony honoring longtime analyst Johnny "Red" Kerr, who died shortly afterward, and around that time, came reports that Paxson would be out either immediately or at the end of the season.

After about a week, he responded with, "I'm the (general manager) of the Bulls. I'm not resigning. I'm here and I'm going to be here, and that puts an end to it."

The Bulls won 12 of 16 down the stretch to finish 41-41 and grabbed the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference, thanks to Rose and veterans such as Gordon, the trade with Sacramento for John Salmons and Brad Miller, and the improved play of Joakim Noah and Tyrus Thomas.

That led to one of the most dramatic playoff series in league history and a steady, deafening roar from a re-energized fan base.

It was a sharp turnaround for a franchise that appeared to be in disarray.

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf even called the season "a disaster" and "embarrassing" during an interview with Comcast SportsNet at one point and said he'd been tempted to stand up and boo, but he also made it clear he didn't blame Paxson.

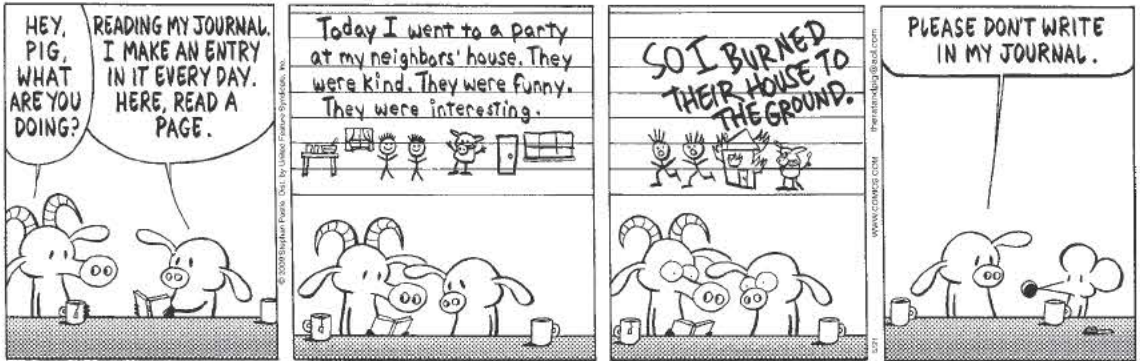
"If there's one person that is not responsible for what's going on right now, it's John Paxson," Reinsdorf said in that interview. "I have tremendous confidence in John Paxson."

Paxson played on the Bulls' first three championship teams in the 1990s and delivered a memorable shot during the 1993 finals against Phoenix, making the series-winning 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds left.

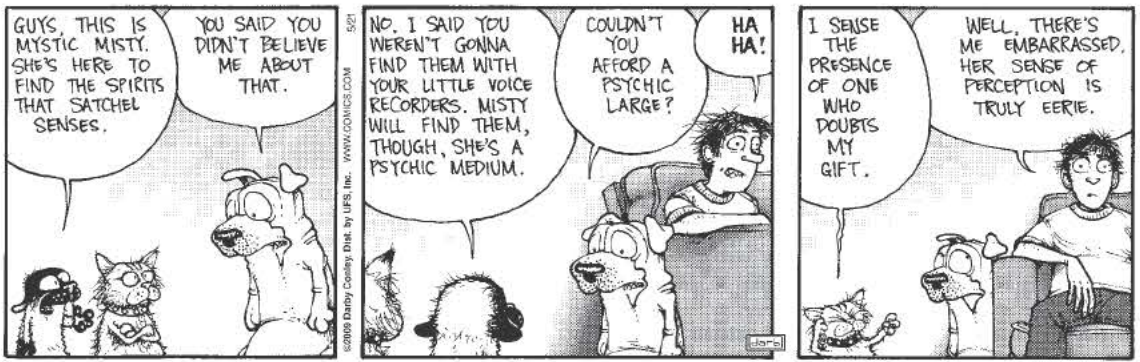
He later served as an assistant coach and broadcaster before replacing Jerry Krause as the general manager.

Paxson drafted Kirk Hinrich with the seventh pick in 2003, took Ben Gordon with the third pick in 2004 and acquired the rights to Deng from Phoenix. They formed the core that led the Bulls to the playoffs in 2005, '06 and '07 before the collapse last season.

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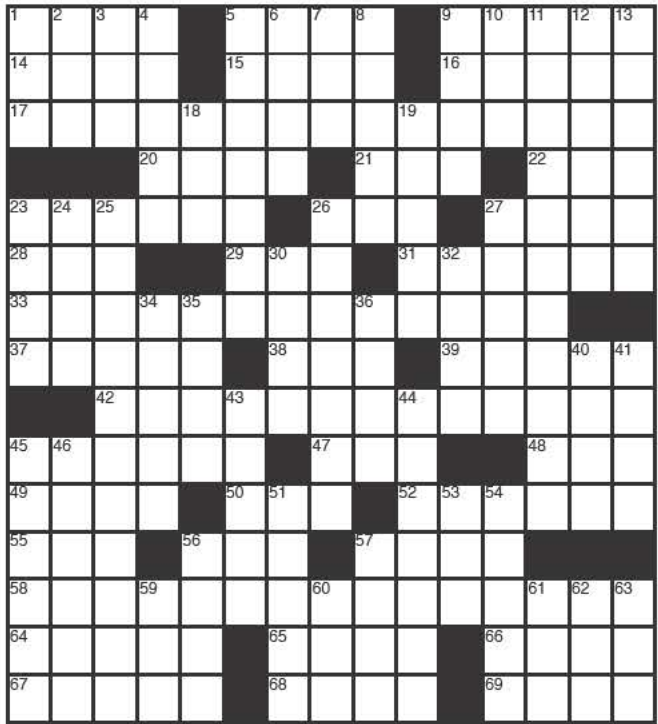


The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 1 Cry of anticipation
  - 5 Low part
  - 9 Synthetic fabric
  - 14 Game with many balls
  - 15 Carve
  - 16 Cry of accomplishment
  - 17 Revealed when seeking medical help?
  - 20 1979 Fleetwood Mac hit
  - 21 \_\_\_ Barry, with the 1965 hit "1-2-3"
  - 22 Density symbol
  - 23 "I've had it!"
  - 26 Wing
  - 27 Trixie's mom, in the comics
  - 28 Santa \_\_\_
  - 29 Instrument in the E Street Band
  - 31 Focus of a hospital center
  - 33 Water passages that don't turn?
  - 37 Exhibitor of dorsiflexion
  - 38 It's low for aces: Abbr.
  - 39 Modern sales
  - 42 One-named R&B singer makes her choice?
  - 45 Locations of some secret meetings
  - 47 Pink-slip
- DOWN
- 1 Patience \_\_\_ virtue
  - 49 "\_\_\_ you one!"
  - 50 Drunk
  - 52 Accomplished in
  - 55 Old Vietnamese strongman \_\_\_ Dinh Diem
  - 56 Slangy conjunction
  - 57 A lot of a Maine forest
  - 58 Continental salve?
  - 64 \_\_\_ ceremony
  - 65 Ending with flat or spy
  - 66 Prefix with -plasm
  - 67 Staffers: Abbr.
  - 68 "\_\_\_ View" (1999 Broadway play)
  - 69 Flat, for short



PUZZLE BY OLIVER HILL

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 9 Massachusetts town named for a river in England
- 10 Menace for Sinbad the sailor
- 11 HNO<sub>2</sub>
- 12 God, in the Old Testament
- 13 Singer Julius who was famously fired on the air by Arthur Godfrey
- 18 Place for a headphone
- 19 American alternative
- 23 Zilch
- 24 "Come \_\_\_!"
- 25 "Just you wait!"
- 26 Derive (from) ... or a two-part hint for understanding 17-, 33-, 42- and 58-Across
- 27 Drink that may be vanilla-flavored
- 30 "Just \_\_\_"
- 32 Cambodian currency
- 34 Advice for lovers whose parents disapprove
- 35 Copper
- 36 Tabula \_\_\_
- 40 "\_\_\_ deal!"
- 41 Future atty.'s hurdle
- 43 Newsstand offering
- 44 They're under hoods
- 45 Hollywood business
- 46 Reprobrates
- 51 Conductor noted for wearing white turtlenecks
- 53 "The Silmarillion" creature
- 54 Bone: Prefix
- 56 Inferiors to sgts.
- 57 Hurricane's force
- 59 \_\_\_ flakes
- 60 '60s service site
- 61 B and B
- 62 "Beauty is truth, truth beauty" genre
- 63 Approval

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Senior second basemen Jordan Torkarz was one of four Panthers named OVC First Team All-Conference.

## Panthers honored at OVC banquet

By JEFF JURINEK  
Sports Editor

Senior shortstop Jordan Kreke was named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year Tuesday at the annual league banquet in Paducah, Ky.

Kreke becomes only the third Panther to be named OVC Player of the Year since Eastern joined the conference in 1997. The last Eastern recipient of the award was Pete Pirman in 2002.

He led the OVC this season in three categories: batting average (.507), extra-base hits (18) and RBIs (40). For the season overall, he batted .398 with 13 home runs and 58 RBIs.

Kreke won OVC Player of the Week honors three times this season, the first time a player has won the award more than twice in the same season.

In addition to his OVC awards, Kreke was also named among 15 players in contention for this year's Brooks Wallace Award, given annually to the top shortstop in the nation.

Eastern also had four other players named First-Team All-OVC, the most to receive that honor since 1998. They include Jordan Tokarz, Richie Derbak, Mike Recchia, and Zach Borenstein.

Tokarz leads the team with 54 runs scored. He also hit 13 home runs this season, tying him for the team lead with Kreke.

Derbak leads the team in an interesting mix of categories: hits (75) and saves (seven).

On the mound, the Panthers have been led all year by Recchia, whose eight victories and 3.02 ERA are both team-bests.

Borenstein assumed the lead-off spot after OVC Preseason Player of the Year Brett Nommensen left the lineup on April 10 with a wrist injury. Borenstein reached base in all 19 of his games as the leadoff hitter. He drew a team-best 27 walks while batting .392 on the season.

### BASEBALL | SEASON RECAP



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Junior pitcher Richie Derbak leads the Panthers with seven saves this season.

## Season stats guarantee Panthers' place in history

By JEFF JURINEK  
Sports Editor

At 6:30 p.m. today, the Panthers open up postseason play in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. The game marks the beginning of a road leading to a possible berth in the NCAA Tournament, and a chance to advance to the College World Series.

Ultimately, the hugely successful 2009 season will be judged by how the Panthers fare this weekend and throughout the rest of the postseason. But whether they should advance or not, their accomplishments during the regular season will certainly guarantee this year's Eastern baseball team as one of the best of all time.

The Panthers finished the regu-

lar season with a 36-12 overall record. Their winning percentage of .750 is the best since the 1981 team had a .720 winning percentage. The team is only one victory shy of tying the single-season win record of 37, set by the 1998 squad.

The Panthers hit 92 home runs during the regular season, the second-highest home run total in program history. The 1998 team owns the record with 120.

As a team, the Panthers are batting .365, which ranks them second in the nation behind only New Mexico, who is batting .369. Out of 288 teams in Division 1, Eastern is ranked third in slugging percentage (.602), sixth in home runs per game (1.92), and tenth in scoring (9.4 per game).

The team lost only one series all

season when Jacksonville State took two out of three from the Panthers on April 18-19 at Coaches Stadium. Coincidentally, the Panthers' only losing streak of the season came in those two games against the Gamecocks.

During regular season conference play, the Panthers compiled a 10-2 mark in games against the other five teams that qualified for the OVC Tournament.

At the OVC league banquet on May 19, four Panthers were named First Team All-OVC: Senior Jordan Tokarz, Junior Richie Derbak, Sophomore Mike Recchia, and Freshmen Zach Borenstein. Eastern's four first team selections are the most since the 1998 team had five players selected for the OVC First Team.

In addition, senior shortstop Jor-

dan Kreke was named OVC Player of the Year, the first Panther to receive the honor since 2002 and the third since Eastern joined the OVC in 1997.

The Panthers were crowned regular-season OVC champions after finishing with a 14-4 record in the conference. This weekend, Eastern will attempt to become only the third team to win both the OVC regular season and tournament championships since 2001.

Eastern goes into tonight's game as defending OVC Tournament Champions after last season's unlikely title run as a fourth-seed. The Panthers will attempt to defend their title and win back-to-back OVC tourney titles, a feat last accomplished by Middle Tennessee State in 1995.

### NFL | MICHAEL VICK SCANDAL

## NFL star Vick leaves prison for home confinement

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Suspended NFL star Michael Vick left a Kansas prison before dawn yesterday to begin home confinement in Virginia, one of his attorneys said, the latest step on a journey that Vick hopes will lead to his reinstatement.

Vick, who turns 29 in June, slipped past waiting cameras and reporters undetected to leave a federal penitentiary in Leavenworth after serving 19 months for financing a dogfighting ring. He was headed to Virginia by car to begin two months of home confinement at his five-bedroom house in Hampton before a scheduled release from federal custody July 20.

He was accompanied by his fiancée, Kijafa Frink, and they were

traveling back to Virginia with several members of a security team provided by Vick's team of lawyers and advisers, a person familiar with the plans told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to comment on the matter.

The traveling party also includes a videographer recording the journey, the person said, although what Vick plans to do with the footage hasn't been made clear.

"It's a happy day for him to be starting this part of the process," Larry Woodward, Vick's Virginia-based attorney, said. "He looks forward to meeting the challenges he has to meet."

Ultimately, Vick's goal is to rehabilitate his image and return to the NFL, but Woodward said his first

priority "is spending time with his children and his loved ones."

Vick has considerable work to do to get back into playing condition after being out of the game two years. His agent, Joel Segal, said his career won't be Vick's immediate focus. "Football is on the backburner for now," he said.

Commissioner Roger Goodell, who suspended Vick indefinitely in August 2007, reiterated Wednesday he will review Vick's status after his criminal case is concluded. He has said Vick will have to persuade him and the public that he is genuinely sorry for his crime, has been changed by his experience and that he's committed to leading a different life.

Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank said Wednesday that Vick has

paid his debt to society and merits a second chance, although that chance won't come with the Falcons.

"We've made it clear Michael's not going to play for us again," Blank said. "Right now his salary is being tolled so it has no effect on our cap, beyond the allocation of signing bonus which happens under any circumstances. So we'll deal with it at the time we think is correct."

Vick, once the NFL's highest-paid player, is scheduled to report to a probation officer Friday in Norfolk, Woodward said. He will be allowed to leave home to work a \$10-an-hour job as a laborer for a construction company and for other limited purposes approved by his probation officer. He will serve three years' probation after his home confinement ends.

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